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1. DEC 6 TOGO-PRESSE PUBLISHED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR ENTENTE MINISTERIAL AND CHIEFS OF STATE CONFERENCES (REFTEL). FOLLOWING TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED

A. ENTENTE FUND - MODIFICATION OF GOVERNING STATUTES.

B. ENTENTE LIVESTOCK COMMUNITY - CONTRIBUTIONS OF MEMBER STATES WITHIN CONTEXT OF PROSPECTIVE WEST AFRICAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY.

C. CERFER BUDGET TALKS.

D. CONSTRUCTION OF THREE HOTELS AND DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM.

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2. NIGER WILL REPORTEDLY PROPOSE CREATIONS OF MEDICAL

TRAINING FACILITY FOR MILITARY DOCTORS.

3. UPON HIS ARRIVAL ON DEC 5, NIGERIEN FONMIN BOUKARY SABO WAS ASKED WHY ENTENTE NO LONGER HOLDS AS MANY MEETINGS AS IT DID IN THE PAST. SABO REPLIED THAT WHEN ENTENTE WAS YOUNG, FREQUENT MEETINGS WERE NECESSARY TO DEVELOP EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION. NOW THAT ENTENTE IS FUNCTIONING WELL, IT IS MORE IMPORTANT TO GIVE ITS SECRETARIAT AMPLE TIME TO STUDY AGENDA QUESTIONS IN DEPTH AND TO SUBMIT THEIR STUDIES TO APPROPRIATE MINISTERS FOR CAREFUL REVIEW BEFORE CHIEFS OF STATE EXAMINE THEM FOR FINAL DECISION-MAKING. FOR THIS REASON, HE SAID, MEETINGS ARE NOW HELD ANNUALLY RATHER THAN TWO OR THREE TIMES YEARLY. DICKINSON

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